

IN THE SECOND JUCICIAL
CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 85-31

RE: Citizens Dispute Settlement Program, County Court, Leon County,
Florida.

WHEREAS, Rule 7.130 of the Florida Rules of Summary Procedure en-
courages out-of-court stipulations or agreements to settle summary
claims cases, and

WHEREAS, Rule 7.140 of the Florida Rules of Summary Procedure
directs judges to assist the parties in reaching settlement prior
final judgement, and

WHEREAS, Citizens Dispute Settlement Programs, both in the State
of Florida and nationally, have proven to be effective methods for
relieving caseloads and offering the parties to summary claims cases
effective and efficient out-of-court resolutions to their disputes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donald O. Hartwell, pursuant to the authority
vested in me as Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida,
do hereby establish the Leon County Court Citizen Dispute Settlement
Program in the Summary Claims Division of said Court for the purpose of
facilitating, through mediation on a voluntary and informal basis, the
pre-trial settlement of certain actions governed by the Florida Rules
of Summary Procedure or other disputes, at the Court's discretion.

The Leon County Court Citizens Dispute Settlement Program shall be
governed by the Administrative Judge of Leon County; the Leon County
Court Judges; and the Court Administrator or his Designee.

The above named persons shall adopt all administrative and opera-
tional policies and procedures necessary for the operation of the
program and shall have the authority and duty to review and revise the
policies and procedures as may be required in the interests of proper
judicial administration. Additionally, they shall be responsible for
securing any funding for this program and shall have the necessary
authority to allocate and expend such funds as necessary. This order
shall become effective immediately.

DONE and ORDERED at Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this 11th
day of July, 1985.


DONALD O. HARTWELL, CHIEF JUDGE

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